

We claim:

1. A hanger for an object adapted to be hung on a wall comprising

a base to be fixedly attached to the wall,

a tongue extending from the base, the tongue being constructed so that when the base is attached to the wall, a substantial portion of the tongue extends in a generally upward direction from a region of the base where an end of the tongue intersects the base to form an intersection,

a segment of the tongue in close proximity to the intersection being arranged to receive and hold a thin elongated support structure attached to the object when the base is attached to the wall,

the tongue portion extending in a generally upward direction including a central region and edges, the edges of the tongue portion being farther from a plane defining a back face of the base than the central region.

2. The hanger of claim 1 wherein the substantial portion of the tongue has a length more than 50 percent the length of the tongue.

3. The hanger of claim 1 wherein the tongue segment in close proximity to the intersection includes an arcuate surface for supporting the thin elongated support structure when the base is mounted on the wall.

4. The hanger of claim 3 wherein the arcuate support surface is a sector of a circle.

5. The hanger of claim 4 wherein vertical cross sections of the tongue segment including the support surface have an exterior lower surface opposite to the support surface when the base is attached to the wall, the cross sections of the tongue having the support and exterior lower surfaces being sectors of coaxial circles having different radii, the support surface radius being greater than the exterior lower surface radius.

6. The hanger of claim 5 wherein each of the support and exterior lower surfaces has an arcuate extent of approximately 90 degrees.

7. The hanger of claim 4 wherein the support surface has an arcuate extent of approximately 90 degrees.

8. The hanger of claim 1 wherein the tongue segment has a surface for receiving the thin elongated support structure, said surface for receiving extending substantially horizontally when the base is attached to the wall, the horizontal extent of the receiving surface between a planar front face of the base and a vertically extending surface of the tongue facing the base being sufficient to form a ledge for receiving the thin elongated support structure.

9. The hanger of claim 8 wherein the ledge has an arcuate shape such that a center portion of the ledge is higher than the edges of the ledge when the base is attached to the wall.

10. The hanger of claim 9 wherein the base, ledge and tongue are arranged such that all bends in the ledge and tongue in all

vertical cross sections, when the base is attached to the wall, are directed away from the front face of the base and are less than 90 degrees.

11. The hanger of claim 8 wherein the base, ledge and tongue are arranged such that all bends in the ledge and tongue in all vertical cross sections, when the base is attached to the wall, are directed away from the front face of the base and are less than 90 degrees.

12. The hanger of claim 1 wherein the tongue has an end portion, including a free end, remote from its end intersecting the base, the tongue end portion including the free end extending away from the base at a greater angle than the portion of the tongue to which it is connected.

13. The hanger of claim 12 wherein the portion of the tongue extending away from the base in a generally upward direction including the edges and the central region slants away from a plane including a front face of the base at a substantially constant angle.

14. The hanger of claim 1 wherein the base includes a protrusion extending beyond a front face of the base beneath the tongue when the base is mounted on the wall, the protrusion having an upper portion, the upper portion of the protrusion being substantially at the intersection, at least some of the end of the tongue intersecting the base abutting and bearing on the protrusion upper portion.

15. The hanger of claim 14 wherein the base, tongue and protrusion are formed as one piece from stamped sheet metal.

16. The hanger of claim 15 wherein the substantial portion of the tongue is more than 50 percent the length of the tongue.

17. The hanger of claim 16 wherein horizontal cross sections of the substantial tongue portion when the base is mounted on the wall, have first and second surfaces that are sectors of coaxial circles having different radii, the first surface being closer to the back face than the second surface.

18. The hanger of claim 17 wherein each of the surfaces has an arcuate extent between the edges of the substantial portion of the tongue of approximately 90 degrees.

19. The hanger of claim 18 wherein the tongue segment has a surface for receiving the thin elongated support structure, said surface for receiving extending substantially horizontally when the base is mounted on the wall, the horizontal extent of the receiving surface between a planar front face of the base and a vertically extending surface of the tongue facing the base being sufficient to form a ledge for receiving the thin elongated support structure.

20. The hanger of claim 19 wherein the ledge has an arcuate shape such that a center portion of the ledge is higher than the edges of the ledge when the base is mounted on the wall.

21. The hanger of claim 20 wherein the base, ledge and tongue are arranged such that all bends in the ledge and tongue in all vertical cross sections, when the base is attached to the wall, are directed away from the front face of the base.

22. The hanger of claim 21 wherein the tongue has an end portion, including a free end, remote from its end intersecting the base, the tongue end portion including the free end extending away from the base at a greater angle than the portion of the tongue to which it is connected.

23. The hanger of claim 22 wherein the portion of the tongue extending away from the base in a generally upward direction including the edges and the central region slants away from a plane including a front face of the base at a substantially constant angle.

24. The hanger of claim 23 wherein the protrusion is formed as a dimple extending away from the back face of the base.

25. The hanger of claim 14 wherein the protrusion is formed as a dimple extending away from the back face of the base.

26. A hanger for an object adapted to be hung on a wall comprising

a base to be fixedly attached to the wall,

a tongue extending from the base, the tongue being constructed so that when the base is attached to the wall, a substantial portion of the tongue extends in a generally upward direction from a region of the base where an end of the tongue intersects the base to form an intersection,

a segment of the tongue in close proximity to the intersection being arranged to receive and hold a thin elongated support structure attached to the object when the base is attached to the wall,

the base including a protrusion extending beyond a front face of the base beneath the tongue,

the protrusion having an upper portion, when the base is mounted on the wall, the upper portion of the protrusion being substantially at the intersection, at least some of the end of the tongue intersecting the base abutting and bearing on the upper portion of the protrusion.

27. The hanger of claim 26 wherein the protrusion is formed as a dimple extending away from the back face.

28. The hanger of claim 26 wherein the tongue segment in close proximity to the intersection includes an arcuate surface for supporting the thin elongated support structure when the base is mounted on the wall.

29. The hanger of claim 28 wherein the arcuate support surface is a sector of a circle.

30. The hanger of claim 29 wherein vertical cross sections of the tongue segment including the support surface have a lower exterior surface opposite to the support surface when the base is attached to the wall, the sections of the tongue having the support and lower exterior surfaces being sectors of coaxial circles having different radii, the support surface radius being greater than the lower exterior surface radius.

31. The hanger of claim 30 wherein each of the surfaces has an arcuate extent of approximately 90 degrees.

32. The hanger of claim 29 wherein the support surface has an arcuate extent of approximately 90 degrees.

33. The hanger of claim 26 wherein the tongue segment has a surface for receiving the thin elongated support structure, said surface for receiving the thin elongated support structure extending substantially horizontally when the base is attached to the wall, the horizontal extent of the receiving surface between a planar front face of the base and a vertically extending surface of the tongue facing the base being sufficient to form a ledge for receiving the thin elongated support surface.

34. The hanger of claim 33 wherein the ledge has an arcuate shape such that a center portion of the ledge is higher than the edges of the ledge when the base is attached to the wall.

35. The hanger of claim 34 wherein the base, ledge and tongue are arranged such that all bends in the ledge and tongue in all vertical cross sections, when the base is attached to the wall, are directed away from the front face of the base.

36. The hanger of claim 33 wherein the base, ledge and tongue are arranged such that all bends in the ledge and tongue in all vertical cross sections, when the base is attached to the wall, are directed away from the front face of the base and are less than 90 degrees.

37. The hanger of claim 26 wherein the tongue has an end portion, including a free end, remote from its end intersecting the base, the end portion including the free end extending away from the base at a greater angle than the portion of the tongue to which it is connected.

38. The hanger of claim 26 wherein the base, tongue and protrusion are formed as one piece from stamped sheet metal.